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Hamilton Road from Rocky Fork Creek to Johnstown Road Improvement Project to begin on June 22

Franklin County, Ohio -- Dean C. Ringle, P.E., P.S., Franklin County Engineer, announces that a road improvement project on Hamilton Road between Rocky Fork Creek and US Route 62/Johnstown Road will start on June 22. The project will span three construction seasons, wrapping up in the Fall of 2017, weather permitting.

In 1996, the City of Gahanna and Franklin County partnered on a project to improve the safety and reliability of Hamilton Road from I-270 to Morse Road. Due to cost, magnitude, and impact, this project was planned to be implemented in three phases. This is the final phase of the widening project. "We are improving Hamilton Road to meet traffic and safety demands. The project includes widening the last piece of Hamilton Road from two to four lanes, adding turn lanes at several intersections, and constructing two modern roundabouts. These improvements will also better accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists along Hamilton Road," stated Dean Ringle.

To begin this final phase of the project, work will include the relocation of utilities, installation of new water mains, installation of temporary pavement, relocating the traffic signal at Hamilton Road and Clark State Road, and the replacement of the bridge over Sycamore Run. This work will carry over through this winter and the Spring of 2016. The remainder of the project will occur during the Summer of 2016 through the Fall of 2017.

Hamilton Road will have two detours that will occur during the first year of the project. A 45-day detour will occur during the construction of the roundabout at Clark State Road. Detoured eastbound motorists will follow Havens Corners Road east to Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road and north to Clark State Road. Westbound motorists will follow the detour route in the opposite direction. The second detour is a 21-day detour and will occur during the replacement of the bridge on Hamilton Road over Sycamore Run. Detoured southbound Hamilton Road motorists will proceed to Johnstown Road, southwest to Granville Street and east to Hamilton Road. Northbound Hamilton Road traffic will be maintained.

The Franklin County Engineer's Office will supervise this \$15 million project. Work will be performed by Shelly and Sands, Inc. Funding is provided from the Federal Highway Funds, Ohio Public Works Commission, Franklin County License Plate Fees and the City of Gahanna.

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